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**In re Matter of the Review  
of the Office of Lawyer Regulation**

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This matter comes before the Wisconsin Supreme Court upon the petition of Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson of the Wisconsin Supreme Court to create supreme court rules providing for review of the Rules of Professional Conduct for Attorneys (SCR chs. 20, 22), and the organization, operation and procedures of the lawyer discipline system, including the Office of Lawyer Regulation (see SCR chs. 21 and 22), the District Committees, the Preliminary Review Committee and Referees, the Board of Administrative Oversight, and for the creation of a Lawyer Regulation Review Committee. The petition is being submitted to assure that the subject of the petition is properly before the court. See Open Rules Petition Conference Agenda, Jan. 20, 2015, item K (Rule Petition 13-04).

**SECTION 1.** SCR 21.22 is created to read:

SCR 21.22. **Review.**

- (a) The supreme court shall at 10-year intervals appoint a Lawyer Regulation Review Committee to review all or select provisions of the Rules of Professional Conduct for Attorneys and the organization, operation and procedures of the lawyer discipline system and to propose suggestions to the court for improvement of the Rules of Professional Conduct for Attorneys and the operation of the lawyer discipline system. This review does not limit the court, in its discretion, within each 10-year interval to appoint one or more committees to study the

Rules or provisions thereof or the operation of the lawyer discipline system or to consider and adopt proposals for change of the Rules or the lawyer discipline system proposed by the Court or others.

- (b) The initial Lawyer Regulation Review Committee shall be created as set forth in SCR 21.23 promptly following the adoption of this rule. The Court shall determine the membership of each successive Lawyer Regulation Review Committee created by the court.

**SECTION 2.** SCR 21.23 is created to read:

**SCR 21.23. Initial Lawyer Regulation Review Committee.**

- (1) The supreme court hereby creates the first Lawyer Regulation Review Committee which shall consist of the following persons representing a diverse group from the public, the legal profession, court and lawyer regulation systems, academic institutions, and the State Bar of Wisconsin:
  - (a) Three members selected by the dean of the University of Wisconsin law school: one lawyer, one law professor, and one public member.
  - (b) Three members selected by the dean of the Marquette University law school: one lawyer, one law professor, and one public member.
  - (c) Two out-of-state court administrators of lawyer regulation systems selected by the director of state courts.
  - (d) Two lawyers who have represented respondents alleged to have engaged in misconduct under SCR Ch. 22, chosen by the court by lot.
  - (e) Two lawyers who have represented the Office of Lawyer Regulation under SCR 21.05(2), chosen by the court by lot.

- (f) One lawyer member selected by the State Bar of Wisconsin.
  - (g) Two non-lawyers selected by the board of administrative oversight of the lawyer regulation system.
- (2) The initial meeting of the Committee shall be called by the Chief Justice. The Committee shall select a chairperson.
  - (3) The Committee shall solicit comments from the bench, bar, and public. The Committee may hold public hearings as it deems necessary. The Committee shall consider the state's fiscal condition and keep expenditures at a minimum, so far as consistent with conducting a comprehensive review.
  - (4) The members of the Committee shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses necessarily incurred in carrying out their Committee responsibilities, pursuant to rules and procedures applicable to court employees.
  - (5) The Director of State Courts Office shall provide administrative support and legal assistance for the Committee and reporters.
  - (6) The Chief Justice shall communicate with the designated organizations regarding appointment of members.
  - (7) The Chief Justice shall work with the deans of the two law schools and the Executive Director of the State Bar of Wisconsin to recruit one or more reporters to staff the Committee.
  - (8) The Committee shall submit a report to the supreme court within 18 months of the date of the first meeting of the Committee. The Committee's recommendations for supreme court rule changes, if any, shall be filed in the form of a rule petition

to the supreme court. The Committee shall assist the court in the court's review of its report. The terms of the Committee members shall expire upon the conclusion of the review at the direction of the court.

Respectfully submitted this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2015.

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Shirley S. Abrahamson  
Chief Justice  
Wisconsin Supreme Court